

## Tree Plantation Drive-2024

The Plantation Drive was organized by the Department of Geography and Research Centre and the Community Outreach Cell of ParvatibaiChowgule College of Arts & Science (Autonomous) in association with Camp Souza and Salcete Football Club, Goa. On 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 from 3.00pm-5.00pm. A total of 17 participated the same out of which were 10 students and 6 faculty and 1 Other.

The primary goal of this community outreach programme was to encourage environmental conservation within the Pateapur- Nuvem, Goa local community, serving as an important awareness programme in the society.

Dr. Adrian Ferro, Assistant Professor in Geography, addressed the initiatives undertaken by the Department of Geography and Research Centre, emphasizing the department's commitment to sustainability through various community-driven activities including plantation drives and beach cleanups. Dr. Adrian Ferro also highlighted that by involving students in these activities, the department not only contributes to environmental conservation but also nurtures a generation of responsible citizens.

The plantation drive focused on the theme "*Ek Ped Maa ke Naam*" during which a total of 50 saplings were planted by faculty and students of Geography and "Advitiya Netrutva"- Students' Leadership Group of the college. Dr. Adrian Ferro, Assistant Professor in Geography coordinated the entire event. One of the students Chandrika Chittem expressed that, it was her first time planting a sapling, and she felt a deep connection to the place where she planted it. She shared her excitement, imagining the day when the sapling grows tall and strong, bringing her joy.

This initiative aims to enhance green cover and promote biodiversity while fostering a sense of responsibility towards environmental stewardship.

This hands-on experience allowed students to witness the direct impact of their efforts, reinforcing the importance of sustainability in context to environmental awareness.

To conclude, this idea of this plantation drive was not only to enhance the green spaces but also cultivate a sense of community and responsibility among students, preparing them to become active, informed citizens.

